

COMMON COUNCIL

January 3, 2012

The Common Council, City of Madison, Indiana, met in regular session at 5:30 PM in the Council Chamber, City Hall. Mayor Welch opened the meeting with the Lord's Prayer followed by the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag. Present; Jones, Berry, Backus, Henderson, Hodges, Kellems and Lee (7). Absent; (0).

Mayor Welch introduced Clerk Treasurer Bill Kalb.

Motion made by Backus, seconded by Berry to approve the December 20, 2011, minutes. Motion carried (7-0).

Mayor Welch introduced the two new Councilmen, Dick Jones and Kevin Kellems. He also asked for nominations for a Council President. Councilman Lee asked to share Indiana Code that states that the president of the City Council shall become Mayor for up to six months if something should happen to the sitting Mayor.

Motion made by Lee, seconded by Berry to nominate Councilwoman Hodges as Council President.

Mayor Welch called for a motion to close the nominations.

Motion made by Kellems, seconded by Lee to close the nominations.

Motion carried (7-0).

Roll call vote motion carried (7-0)

ORDINANCE NO. 2012-1

AN ORDINANCE OF THE COMMON COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MADISON, INDIANA AMENDING THE ZONING MAP OF THE CITY OF MADISON, INDIANA

City Attorney Jenner presented the first reading of the above ordinance.

ORDINANCE NO. 2012-2

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City Attorney Jenner presented the first reading of the above ordinance.

Mayor Welch took a few minutes to introduce Supervisors:

Ken Washer-Street Department Supervisor

Gus Wright-Superintendent of the Water Department

Brian Jackson-Office Manager for the Water and Sewer Department

Greg Smithers-Collection Systems Superintendent for City and County.

Mike McFadden-Superintendent Water Pollution Control Facility.

Department Heads

Joe Jenner-City Attorney

Tammy Acosta-Administrative Assistant

Bob Cooke-Human Resources & Purchasing

Andrew Forrester-Administrative Assistant over Community Development & Liaison to the Chamber

Mark Johnson-Building Inspector

Dan Thurston-Chief of Police

Randy Eggenspiller-Utilities Manager

Doug Vest-Street Superintendent

Dave Stucker-Parks Director

Steve Horton-Fire Chief

Department Head Reports

Doug Vest-Called out due to ice on streets. Used 13 ½ tons of salt over 250 miles. The police department monitors the roads and contacts the street department if roads need attention. There is what is called an emergency route that gets cleared first and then all other roads are taken care of. Councilman Lee asked if once the emergency route is taken care of do they clear and spread salt on the advice of the police. Vest stated

that there are 3 trucks on the hill and two trucks downtown. There is good communication via the radio so that helps.

Chief Thurston-Very happy with the response time of the street department when called. Terry Wells has decided to retire after 32 years. His time will end sometime in the middle of February. The hiring process will be started, but there is still one eligible candidate from the spring hiring process. The Merit Board decided at their last meeting to open up the promotion process for Captain and Lieutenant. Testing was held last week and interviews will be next week. Hopefully by the next Council meeting there will be promotions to announce. Thurston expressed his appreciation to Mayor Welch for his appointment as Chief. Councilman Lee asked Thurston if he would continue to give the call logs to the Council like the previous chief had. Thurston said he would and should have that at the next meeting.

Dave Stucker-Basketball leagues are up and running. Three outlets are being used for cancellations: local radio stations, Courier Connection and contact coaches who in turn contact parents and players. Would like to meet with Councilmen Jones and Kellems after the meeting to get email addresses. Would be glad to meet with anyone to answer any questions or just bring them up to speed. Yearend report should be available in a couple of weeks.

Steve Horton-The aerial ladder truck elevation sensors are being rebuilt and they are not back in yet.

Randy Eggen-spiller-KDH utilities have been installed. The cleanup will not happen until spring of this year. The low pressure problem on the hilltop was caused by a loss of power and it is being worked on.

Mark Johnson-Working on getting all contractors registered with the city. Working on getting meetings set up with Home Builder Association and Jefferson County Realtors.

Joe Jenner-Update on Elks. Having trouble locating Carolyn Barr to serve her the default judgment papers. Might have to do notification by publication if need be. Councilman Berry asked if there is any update on the roof that has been put on. Jenner expressed that he has no information concerning the roof. Not sure if it meets code or not. Councilman Lee asked if documents had been forwarded to the Mayor of Cannelton where

Barr resides. Jenner said that they were forwarded before Christmas, but have not been served yet. Councilman Backus asked if there were any kind of time frame. Jenner stated that he believes if the Council wanted to tear it down, they could do so, but he is erring on the side of caution.

Mayor Welch addressed the two bills that have been tabled for some time. Summer Sewer rates Mayor Welch stated that he would like to see the council take action on this in the next meeting or two. Establishing a temporary 3-way stop on Vaughn Drive. A meeting is coming up with the people involved with the new bridge and should have a better time line after that time.

Mayor Welch would like to give the council a chance to say a few words if they would like to:

Councilman Kellems-It is an honor to serve on this body and there is a lot to learn. There were three main concerns that the citizens of Madison expressed to him and they were, 1) Posting the City's expenditures and revenue on the City website, 2) A top to bottom review of all economic development programs and business incentives so that we are getting the best return on our dollar for job creation, 3) that all citizens be treated with respect and that has been displayed here this evening.

Councilman Henderson-Would like an updated email list for all department heads.

Councilman Berry-Would like to welcome Dick and Kevin to the Council.

Mayor Welch wanted to mention for those at the meeting and those watching on TV that there will be guidelines concerning the agenda and time limits on speakers. If you know ahead of time that you only have 3 or 4 minutes to speak, that should be plenty.

Councilman Lee-Would like to support Councilman Kellems review of the economic development programs.

Councilman Berry-Speaking for the administration and the Council would like to express condolences to Councilman Lee in the loss of his wife.

Councilwoman Hodges-Would like Councilman Lee to know that everyone is sympathetic in his time of loss.

Next meeting January 17, 2012.

Motion made by Lee, seconded by Berry to adjourn meeting. Motion Carried (7-0)

APPROVED _____
President Pro-Tempore Laura Hodges

William J. Kalb, Clerk-Treasurer